



General Assembly

**Substitute Bill No. 421**

February Session, 2016

\* SB00421PD 032116 \*

**AN ACT CONCERNING COMMUNITY EMPOWERMENT AND THE  
NEIGHBORHOOD ASSISTANCE ACT.**

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2016*) The chief executive  
2 officer of each municipality with a population of more than one  
3 hundred thousand, as enumerated in the 2010 federal decennial  
4 census, and having a total area of not more than thirty square miles,  
5 shall establish and appoint members to one community investment  
6 board for each neighborhood in the municipality. Each community  
7 investment board may be comprised of, but need not be limited to,  
8 residents, business owners, religious leaders, community development  
9 corporation representatives and community group representatives.

10 Sec. 2. Section 4-66l of the 2016 supplement to the general statutes is  
11 amended by adding subsection (j) as follows (*Effective October 1, 2016*):

12 (NEW) (j) Any municipal revenue sharing grant awarded pursuant  
13 to subsections (d) and (f) of this section to a municipality whose chief  
14 executive officer has established community investment boards  
15 pursuant to section 1 of this act may be expended by such municipality  
16 as follows: (1) Thirty-five per cent of such grant shall be expended on  
17 priorities identified by such community investment boards, (2) thirty-  
18 five per cent of such grant shall be expended on priorities identified by

19 the legislative body of the municipality, and (3) thirty per cent of such  
20 grant shall be expended on priorities jointly agreed upon by such  
21 community investment boards and the legislative body of the  
22 municipality.

23 Sec. 3. Section 12-18c of the 2016 supplement to the general statutes  
24 is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective*  
25 *October 1, 2016*):

26 (a) There is established an account to be known as the "select  
27 payment in lieu of taxes account" which shall be a separate, nonlapsing  
28 account within the General Fund. The account shall contain any  
29 moneys required by law to be deposited in the account. Moneys in the  
30 account shall be expended by the Office of Policy and Management for  
31 the purposes of making select grants to municipalities and districts for  
32 payments in lieu of taxes as provided for in subsection (d) of [this  
33 section] section 12-18b, subparagraphs (B) and (C) of subdivision (1) of  
34 subsection (e) of section 12-18b, and subdivision (2) of subsection (e) of  
35 section 12-18b.

36 (b) Any select grant for payment in lieu of taxes awarded pursuant  
37 to subsection (a) of this section to a municipality whose chief executive  
38 officer has established community investment boards pursuant to  
39 section 1 of this act may be expended by such municipality as follows:  
40 (1) Thirty-five per cent of such grant shall be expended on priorities  
41 identified by such community investment boards, (2) thirty-five per  
42 cent of such grant shall be expended on priorities identified by the  
43 legislative body of the municipality, and (3) thirty per cent of such  
44 grant shall be expended on priorities jointly agreed upon by such  
45 community investment boards and the legislative body of the  
46 municipality.

47 Sec. 4. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2016*) (a) Not later than January 1,  
48 2018, the Office of Policy and Management shall create and maintain  
49 an Internet web site that will allow residents and organizations to  
50 submit proposals for solutions to specific urban area problems to the

51 Office of Policy and Management.

52 (b) If the Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management, or the  
53 secretary's designee, determines that a proposal is viable, the secretary  
54 shall identify a municipality or neighborhood in which to establish a  
55 pilot program to implement the proposal, establish the pilot program  
56 in such municipality or neighborhood, monitor the implementation of  
57 the pilot program and assess the results of the pilot program.

58 (c) The Office of Policy and Management shall, within available  
59 appropriations, provide a monetary award to each resident or  
60 organization that submits a proposal pursuant to subsection (a) of this  
61 section if such proposal becomes the basis for a pilot program and the  
62 secretary, or the secretary's designee, determines that such pilot  
63 program was successful after assessing the results of such pilot  
64 program pursuant to subsection (b) of this section.

65 Sec. 5. (*Effective July 1, 2016*) (a) There is established a task force to  
66 study the manner in which state funding is utilized by nonprofit  
67 providers and to review the requirements imposed on nonprofit  
68 providers by state agencies and compliance with those requirements  
69 by nonprofit providers.

70 (b) The task force shall consist of the following members:

71 (1) Two appointed by the speaker of the House of Representatives,  
72 one of whom shall have expertise in nonprofit administration and one  
73 of whom shall have expertise in economics;

74 (2) Two appointed by the president pro tempore of the Senate;

75 (3) Two appointed by the majority leader of the House of  
76 Representatives;

77 (4) Two appointed by the majority leader of the Senate;

78 (5) Two appointed by the minority leader of the House of

79 Representatives; and

80 (6) Two appointed by the minority leader of the Senate.

81 (c) Any member of the task force appointed under subdivision (1),  
82 (2), (3), (4), (5) or (6) of subsection (b) of this section may be a member  
83 of the General Assembly.

84 (d) All appointments to the task force shall be made not later than  
85 thirty days after the effective date of this section. Any vacancy shall be  
86 filled by the appointing authority.

87 (e) The speaker of the House of Representatives and the president  
88 pro tempore of the Senate shall select the chairpersons of the task force  
89 from among the members of the task force. Such chairpersons shall  
90 schedule the first meeting of the task force, which shall be held not  
91 later than sixty days after the effective date of this section.

92 (f) The administrative staff of the joint standing committee of the  
93 General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to economic  
94 development activities impacting local governments shall serve as  
95 administrative staff of the task force.

96 (g) Not later than January 1, 2017, the task force shall submit a  
97 report on its findings and recommendations to the joint standing  
98 committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters  
99 relating to economic development activities impacting local  
100 governments, in accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a of the  
101 general statutes. The task force shall terminate on the date that it  
102 submits such report or January 1, 2017, whichever is later.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	October 1, 2016	New section
Sec. 2	October 1, 2016	4-66l
Sec. 3	October 1, 2016	12-18c
Sec. 4	July 1, 2016	New section

Sec. 5	July 1, 2016	New section
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***Statement of Legislative Commissioners:***

In Section 2, "subsection (f)" was changed to "subsections (d) and (f)" for accuracy, and in Sections 2 and 3, "the community investment boards established by the municipality pursuant to section 1 of this act" was changed to "such community investment boards" to avoid repetition.

**PD**      *Joint Favorable Subst.*